

Testimony in support of HB 6599: An Act Concerning Discrimination

Mr. Coleman, Mr. Fox, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing you today to show my support of HB 6599: An Act Concerning Discrimination. This bill is crucial in protecting those daily being discriminated against based on their gender identity and expression.

Having lived in Connecticut the past 11 years I feel proud to be a resident in a state that I consider to be progressive and forward thinking. I believe it is time for CT to no longer ignore the discrimination against those who do not conform to their assigned sex at birth. These individuals are a part of our families and our communities and they deserve the right to a job, have their medical needs met adequately, and a place to live. The fact that they would be denied any of those basic rights based on their gender identity or expression must not be tolerated.

I can't imagine having to live with the fear that I would not be employed based on who I am or that I would be denied medical care or a place to live because of my gender identity or expression. I believe it is time to communicate to our employers, landlords, lenders, and owners of establishments that we will not tolerate anyone being denied equal treatment.

Thank you for your time and attention to this very important issue.

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